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2013 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #65 **Summer Announcement #60, District 2 Commercial Period #22** Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The preliminary commercial harvest in Districts 1 and 2 combined through July 14 is approximately 349,000 summer chum salmon with a reported 957 Chinook salmon released and 300 Chinook salmon caught but not sold. The Yukon River sonar at Pilot Station estimates the summer chum salmon passage at approximately 2.6 million fish which is well above the median of 1.8 million for this date.

Based on the abundance of summer chum salmon and the low impact to Chinook salmon observed in the commercial fishery to date, this announcement opens one 9-hour commercial fishing period in District 2.

District 2 Commercial Gillnet Salmon Fishing: Commercial salmon fishing in District 2 will be open for one 9-hour period from 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, until 12:00 midnight Wednesday, July 17, with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size to target summer chum salmon.

Commercial gillnet fishermen can release live Chinook salmon or retain them for subsistence purposes. The sale of Chinook salmon is prohibited and Chinook salmon caught but not sold must be reported on fish tickets.

District 2 Subsistence: In District 2 subsistence salmon fishing is open 7 days a week, 24 hours per day except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial salmon fishing period and fishermen may use gillnets with mesh size of 7.5 inches or less.

In District 2 subsistence salmon fishing will close at 3:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 17, and reopen at 12:00 noon Thursday, July 18.

The subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387 or in Fairbanks call (907) 459-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the ADFG office in Emmonak at 949-1320 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks at 456-0418.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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